

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A hair warming tool of sheet form comprising:

at least one heating part in the center thereof, the heating part including a heat generating material which contains iron powder and generates heat upon contact with air; and

a margin disposed around said heating part, said margin being free of the heat generating material and configured to wrap hair adjacent to said heating part and to be held in place to maintain a wrapped state by a fastener connected to said margin,

~~wherein the heating part includes a heat generating material which contains iron powder and generates heat on contact with air, and~~

wherein the hair warming tool includes first and second sides, each of the first and second sides having a surface area of from 100 to 1200 cm², and the hair warming tool further includes an outermost base sheet adapted to contact said tied hair when in the wrapping state, said outermost base sheet comprising a water resistant material, said outermost base sheet being non-removably attached to said hair warming tool and the margin includes a seal at an outer perimeter of the margin, and the margin further includes a portion between the seal and the heating part, the portion including a first sheet separated from the outermost base sheet by an air gap,

wherein a total area of the heating part, as viewed from the first side, extends across 10% to 40% of the surface area of the first side, and

wherein a width of the margin as measured from an edge of the hair warming tool to the nearest heating part extends from 3 to 15 cm over a periphery of the hair warming tool.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A hair warming tool according to claim 1, which has a plurality of heating parts in which said tied hair is wrappable, and the plurality of heating parts are separated from each other by at least one open space.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A hair treating method which comprises:

activating at least one heating part of a hair warming tool of sheet form including an outermost base sheet comprising a water resistant material, said heating part including a heat generating material, the hair warming tool including first and second sides, each of the first and second sides having a surface area of from 100 to 1200 cm², and the hair warming tool further including a seal, and a margin free of the heat generating material and disposed between the heating part and the seal, the margin including a first sheet separated from the outermost base sheet by an air gap;

wrapping tied hair with said hair warming tool, the tool wrapped around the hair with the outermost base sheet facing and contacting the hair while leaving at least a part of the hair near roots unwrapped,

wherein a total area of the heating part, as viewed from the first side, extends across 10% to 40% of the surface area of the first side, and

wherein a width of the margin as measured from an edge of the hair warming tool to the nearest heating part extends from 3 to 15 cm over a periphery of the hair warming tool.

Claim 4 (Original): The hair treating method according to claim 3, which further comprises applying a hair treatment preparation containing at least one oiliness compound to the hair to be wrapped.

Claim 5 (Original): The hair treating method according to claim 4, wherein said hair treatment preparation further contains an organic acid.

Claim 6 (Original): The hair treating method according to claim 3, which further comprises applying a hair treatment preparation having a pH of 2 to 4.5 to the hair to be wrapped.

Claim 7 (Original): The hair treating method according to claim 4, wherein said hair treatment preparation has an emulsified state that is broken at 55 to 60°C.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The hair warmer according to Claim 1, wherein the heating part includes a plurality of heating parts.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method for treating hair, comprising:
obtaining a portion of hair;
activating a heat generating portion of a hair warmer, the heat generating portion including a heat generating material;
wrapping the portion of hair in said hair warmer including an outermost base sheet comprising a water resistant material, the outermost base sheet facing and contacting the portion of hair as the portion of hair is wrapped with the hair warmer;
applying an oiliness compound to the portion of hair before the wrapping,

providing a seal sealing a first sheet to the outermost sheet around a perimeter of the outermost sheet, and

providing an air gap between the first sheet and the outermost sheet in ~~an area~~ a margin between the seal and the heat generating portion, said margin being free of the heat generating material and configured to wrap hair adjacent to said heating part and to be held in place to maintain a wrapped state by a fastener connected to said margin,

wherein the hair warmer includes first and second sides, each of the first and second sides having a surface area of from 100 to 1200 cm²,

wherein a total area of the heat generating portion, as viewed from the first side, extends across 10% to 40% of the surface area of the first side, and

wherein a width of the margin as measured from an edge of the hair warming tool to the nearest heating part is from 3 to 15 cm over a periphery of the hair warming tool.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method according to Claim 11, wherein the oiliness compound has an emulsified state that is broken between ~~about~~ 55°C and ~~about~~ 60°C.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 11, wherein the oiliness compound includes an organic acid.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method for treating hair, comprising:

obtaining a portion of hair;

activating a heat generating portion of a hair warmer, the heat generating portion including a heat generating material;

wrapping the portion of hair in said hair warmer including an outermost base sheet comprising a water resistant material, the outermost base sheet facing and contacting the portion of hair as the portion of hair is wrapped with the hair warmer;

applying a composition having a pH between ~~about~~ 2 and ~~about~~ 4.5 to the portion of hair before the wrapping,

providing a seal sealing the first sheet to the outermost sheet around a perimeter of the outermost sheet, and

providing an air gap between the first sheet and the outermost sheet in ~~an area a~~ margin between the seal and the heat generating portion, said margin being free of the heat generating material and configured to wrap hair adjacent to said heating part and to be held in place to maintain a wrapped state by a fastener connected to said margin,

wherein the hair warmer includes first and second sides, each of the first and second sides having a surface area of from 100 to 1200 cm²,

wherein a total area of the heat generating portion, as viewed from the first side, extends across 10% to 40% of the surface area of the first side, and

wherein a width of the margin as measured from an edge of the hair warming tool to the nearest heating part is from 3 to 15 cm over a periphery of the hair warming tool.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The hair warming tool according to Claim 1, wherein the heat generating material is a composition comprising ~~approximately~~ 40 to ~~approximately~~ 60% iron powder, ~~approximately~~ 1.0 to ~~approximately~~ 3.0% sodium chloride, ~~approximately~~ 1.0 to ~~approximately~~ 5.0% activated carbon, ~~approximately~~ 3.0 to ~~approximately~~ 5.0% a water-absorbent polymer, and ~~approximately~~ 3.0 to ~~approximately~~ 10.0% vermiculite.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The hair warming tool according to Claim 1, wherein the heat generating material is used in an amount of ~~approximately~~ 0.05 to ~~approximately~~ 0.3 g per cm² of the heating part.

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The hair warming tool according to Claim 1, wherein the water resistant material includes at least one of a synthetic resin, paper, metal and a non-woven fabric.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The hair treating method according to Claim 3, wherein the water resistant material includes at least one of a synthetic resin, paper, metal and a non-woven fabric.

Claims 20-21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The hair warming tool according to Claim 1, wherein the first sheet includes holes connecting the air gap in fluid communication with an area outside of the hair warming tool.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The hair warming tool according to Claim 22, further comprising a second sheet disposed in direct contact with the first sheet and overlapping the first sheet.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The hair warming tool according to Claim 23, wherein the margin is devoid of heat generating material.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The hair warming tool according to Claim 24, wherein the first sheet is disposed on a first side of the at least one heating part, the outermost sheet is disposed on a second side of the at least one heat generating part, and the second side is opposite the first side such that the first sheet and outermost sheet sandwich the heat generating part.

Claim 26 (New): The method according to Claim 14, wherein the composition has an emulsified state that is demulsified between 55°C and 60°C.

Claim 27 (New): The method according to Claim 26, wherein the demulsifying temperature is the temperature of an endothermic peak of a differential scanning calorimetry curve.

Claim 28 (New): The method according to Claim 27, wherein the curve is measured at a temperature rise rate of 3 degrees C/min.

Claim 29 (New): The method according to Claim 7, wherein the emulsified state is broken at a demulsifying temperature that is the temperature of an endothermic peak of a differential scanning calorimetry curve.

Claim 30 (New): The method according to Claim 29, wherein the curve is measured at a temperature rise rate of 3 degrees C/min.

Claim 31 (New): The method according to Claim 12, wherein the emulsified state is broken at a demulsifying temperature that is the temperature of an endothermic peak of a differential scanning calorimetry curve.

Claim 32 (New): The method according to Claim 31, wherein the curve is measured at a temperature rise rate of 3 degrees C/min.